Committee Room, City Hall,
November 8th, 1920.

FORTY-FOURTH MEETING.

THE SPECIAL CITY GAS COMMITTEE meets in the Committee Room, City Hall, on Monday, November 8th, 1920, at 8.15 p.m.
PRESENT: Aldermen J.C.Wilson M.D. (Chairman) Harley, Seabrook and Bridge.

95. MINUTES.

The minutes of the Twenty-Eighth and Twenty-Ninth meetings are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

96. CITY GAS MATTERS (See pars. 47,48,63,65 and 66.)

S.Baker - certifying that the Municipal Council, adopted the following motion, viz:-

"That the Special Committee appointed by the Council to confer with the City Gas Company respecting "Service Charges" to Gas Consumers of the City, be requested to again take up the Service charges with the Gas Company, as it is apparent that there is disatisfaction that will lead to this mode of charges become ineffective. Believing that the Gas Company should and will adopt some more equitable arrangements if again presented by this Committee."

S.Baker certifying that the Municipal Council, adopted the following motion, viz:-

"That the Special Gas Committee be authorized to get the advice of the City Solicitor on City Gas matters."

Dr. Wilson reports that he had, as authorized, interviewed the City Solicitor on the matter.

Mr. Meredith's opinion was "that the Gas Company's charge is illegal and that an injunction might be issued" Such action might be bad business at present, because the Gas Company intended to go before the Legislature, which sits within the next six or eight weeks.

Alderman Moorhead appears before the Committee and is, upon motion, heard. He cited an instance of "over-charge" to a citizen living at 529 Ontario Street, who was charged $3.75 for the installation of a Gas meter, and asked that the Company be asked to do something to cut down the excessive charges.

T.G.Meredith, K.C. - Oct. 7th, 1920.

I received this morning the enclosed letter from Mr. J.M. Donahue, Barrister of this City, and I have advised Mr. Donahue that I have forwarded his letter to you.

J.M.Donahue - Oct. 6th, 1920.

As Solicitor for Mr. Geo. Murphy, a ratepayer of this City I have been instructed to take legal proceedings to prevent the City Gas Company collecting or levying charges in excess of those permitted by law. I refer to the so called "Readiness to serve charge" recently inaugurated by the Gas Company.

I am of opinion that an adequate remedy can only be obtained by a Declatory Judgment and injunction and as I am also of opinion that the Municipality of London City should be a party to any action brought in respect of this matter, I request that you as City Solicitor advise me if the Municipality will consent to be joined as Plaintiff in an action against the City Gas Company for the purpose aforesaid.

The conduct of the proposed action would be committed to you or carried out in accordance with your wishes.

If unable to secure the co-operation of the Municipality I shall feel obliged to join it as a party defendant. Please let me have a reply as quickly as possible and oblige.

J.M.Donahue - November 2nd, 1920.

In a letter dated October 7th, the City Solicitor advised me that my communication to him of October 6th, re City Gas Company had been forwarded to you to be considered by the Council. I have not yet heard what, if amy, consideration the Council has given this matter but I think I will be justified in assuming that there is an intention to ignor my request unless I receive within a week some intimation that the Council is contemplating some action.

Kindly call to the attention of the proper authorities as I dislike to proceed with the proposed Court action until the Municipality is given ample opportunity to express its position in the matter.

Alderman Bridge moves, and it is adopted, that believing that it is in the citizens' interests, that no action be taken pending private action by the City Gas Company, at the next sitting of the Legislature, that the City Clerk notify Mr. Donahue of the action of the Committee.

Upon motion the Committee adjourned.

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Chairman.

Committee Room, City Hall,
November 10th, 1920.

FORTY-FIFTH MEETING.

THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON GRANTS TO DEPENDENT RELATIVES OF MEN OVERSEAS meets in the Committee Room, City Hall, on Wednesday, November 10th, 1920, at 4.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Aldermen Cunningham (Chairman) Bridge, Brighton, Harley, J.C.Wilson, M.D., Treasurer Bell and His Worship Mayor Little.

97. JOHN EDWARD ATKINS (See pars. 83.)

C.G.Ahern, Oct. 11th, 1920. letter to Mrs. Atkins.

I beg to inform you that your application for pension on account of the death of your husband the above noted soldier has received the careful consideration of the Commissioners.

They have ruled that under the provisions of the Pension Act you are entitled to pension with effect from August 14th, 1920, at the rate of $40.00 per month, plus the bonus of $8.00 per month for yourself and for your children at the rate of $15.00 per month, for your first child, $10.00 per month for your second child, and $8.00 per month each for your two other children, until they shall have attained the prescribed age limit, viz: if a boy, sixteen years, and if a girl seventeen years.

Under the amended pension act, these rates will be increased with effect from September 1st, 1920, to $60.00 per month for yourself, and $15.00 per month for your first child, $12.00 per month for your second child, and $10.00 per month each for your two other children.

First payment cheque will be forwarded to you at an early date.

Upon motion the appeal of Mrs. J.E.Atkins for a grant is approved, subject to the provisions of By-law No. 5359 for the sum of $250.00.

98. DETERMINATION OF RECEIPTS OF APPLICATIONS.

It is pointed out by the Treasurer that it was the intention of the Committee that the provisions of this By-law should be applicable for the term of one year after the declaration of peace.

Upon motion it is decided that no appeal for a grant under the provisions of By-law No. 5359 shall be received, after the 31st, day of December, 1920.

99. APPEALS LAID OVER.

Upon motion it is decided that a meeting be called for appeals laid over, before the end of the year.

Upon motion the Committee adjourned.

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Chairman.